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SUBJECT: SADAT'S VISIT TO US

1. THE ISRAELI PRESS APRIL 5 OFFERED WIDE REPORTING AND  
NUMEROUS EDITORIALS, BUT LITTLE ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY,  
ON EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO THE US. IT WAS  
GIVEN TOP HEADLINE BILLING BY MAARIV ("SADAT IS ASKING  
CARTER TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PALESTINIANS") AND BY  
THE JERUSALEM POST AND AL HAMISHMAR ("SADAT CALLS FOR  
PALESTINIAN 'ENTITY'").

2. REPORTING FOR THE POST AND AL HAMISHMAR, BLITZER  
WROTE THAT SADAT'S USE OF THE TERM "ENTITY" STIRRED  
INTEREST AMONG AMERICAN OFFICIALS, WHO TOOK IT AS EVIDENCE  
OF EGYPT'S GROWING SUPPORT FOR AN OFFICIAL LINK BETWEEN  
JORDAN AND ANY WEST BANK PALESTINIAN ENTITY. BLITZER  
ALSO NOTED THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS WERE ENCOURAGED AT  
REMARKS SADAT HAD RECENTLY MADE IN PARIS, WHERE HE  
SPOKE OF "PERMANENT PEACE" AND "NORMALIZATION."  
DAVAR'S BARNEA LIKEWISE OBSERVED THAT THE EGYPTIAN  
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PRESIDENT HAD AVOIDED USING THE TERM "A PALESTINIAN  
STATE."

3. YEDIOT AHARONOT'S GUINERY WAS STRUCK BY THE SIMILIARITY  
BETWEEN THE AMERICAN RECEPTIONS ACCORDED TO  
SADAT AND RABIN: THE SAME CEREMONY, THE SAME FRIENDLY  
WELCOME, THE SAME GENERAL CONVERSATIONS, AND THE SAME

PRIVATE TALKS. NOW THAT SADAT HAS REPEATED HIS WELL-KNOWN AND ESTABLISHED POSITIONS, GUINEY WROTE, WE MUST NOW WAIT FOR THE NEXT CARTER PRESS CONFERENCE TO SEE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY SURPRISES FOR SADAT, AS THERE HAD BEEN FOR RABIN.

4. MARGALIT REPORTED FOR HAARETZ THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS INCLINED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF "DEFENSIVE WEAPONS" TO EGYPT, A CONCLUSION WHICH MAARIV ALSO DREW IN AN EDITORIAL, SAYING "THIS ADMINISTRATION, WHOSE BANNER WAVES THE SLOGAN OF ARMS LIMITATION, WILL BE THE FIRST TO INCLUDE THE LARGEST ARAB 'CONFRONTATION STATE' IN THE LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF MODERN AMERICAN EQUIPMENT, IN DISCONCERTINGLY LARGE QUANTITIES." THE DAVAR EDITORIALIST ALSO FOUND THAT THE MOST SERIOUS FEATURE OF THE CARTER-SADAT MEETING IS THE EGYPTIAN PRESSURE TO ESTABLISH MILITARY SUPPLY LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH, DAVAR SAID, WOULD HOLD "GRAVE DANGERS FOR ISRAEL." DAVAR URGES AMERICAN JEWRY TO FOLLOW THIS ISSUE CLOSELY. YEDIOT'S EDITORIAL WRITER WROTE OF "SADAT RAISING HIS EYES TO HEAVEN" AND REPEATING HIS CALL FOR AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. WE ARE WAITING, SAID YEDIOT, TO HEAR THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT EXCLAIM ABOUT SADAT'S EXCEEDING MODERATION AND POLITICAL REALISM. IF PEOPLE WANT TO BE DUPED, THERE IS NOTHING TO STOP THEM. DUNNIGAN

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